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URDAY JANUARY 19 WASHINGTON POST HEADED "U.S. 'GUARANTEES'
SEEN FOR MIDEAST":

THE UNITED STATES APPEARS TO HAVE ENDED UPEGYPTIAN-ISRAELI
GUARANTOR THAN A MERE MIDDLEMAN FOR THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL ACCORD THROUGH A STILL-UNPUBLISHED "U.S. PRO-
POSAL."

THIS STILL-SECRET DOCUMENT IS KNOWN TO INCLUDE, AMONG
OTHER POINTS, SPECIFIC DETAILS ON ARMS AND FORCES TO BE
WITHDRAWN BY EGYPT AND ISRAEL FROM THE SUEZ-SINAI FRONT.

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SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER PRODUCED THE SECOND

ACCORD IN THE PROCESS OF REACHING WHAT ARE DESCRIBED AS "UNDERSTANDINGS," SOME ON PAPER, SOME VERBAL. MOST OF THE POINTS ARE SAID TO BE IN WRITTEN FORM, IN A DOCUMENT SIGNED SEPARATELY BY EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR.

WITH KISSINGER STILL IN THE MIDDLE EAST, NO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON WOULD OR COULD, SAY IF THE UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENT OR VERBAL UNDERSTANDINGS REPRESENTED ANY NEW COMMITMENT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT SADAT USED THE TERM "COMMITMENT" BUT IN AN AMBIGUOUS FORM, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH EGYPTIAN NEWSMEN YESTERDAY AFTER KISSINGER'S PARTY LEFT ASWAN, WITH SADAT KISSING KISSINGER ON BOTH CHEEKS IN FRIENDLY FAREWELL.

ACCORDING TO CAIRO RADIO, SADAT SAID:

"WE DID NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING THE ISRAELIS SAID AND THEY DID NOT ACCEPT WHAT WE SAID, SO THE UNITED STATES HAD TO INTERVENE WITH A PROPOSAL.

"IN THE PAST THE UNITED STATES CALLED FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BUT SUBMITTED NO PROPOSALS, BUT DR. KISSINGER DARED TO DO WHAT NO OTHER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HAS DARED TO DO. HE PRODUCED A U.S. PROPOSAL. WE THEN REACHED A POINT ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES.

THEREFORE, MY SIGNATURE IS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND GOLDA MEIR'S SIGNATURE IS FOR THE UNITED STATES."

ON ANOTHER POINT, SADAT WAS ASKED BY EGYPTIAN NEWSMEN, "ARE THERE ANY U.S. GUARANTEES REGARDING DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT?" SADAT REPLIED, "THE COMMITMENT IS ON MY PART AND ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES. I AM EXACTLY AS COMMITTED TO SYRIA AS I AM TO EGYPT.

ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITATIVE U.S. SOURCES, THE UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENT WILL BE MADE KNOWN EVENTUALLY, BUT NO DATE WAS SPECIFIED.

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PORTIONS OF THE REPORTED CONTENTS WERE DISCLOSED BY DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST THURSDAY NIGHT. THE DISCLOSURES INCLUDED AN AGREEMENT FOR EGYPT TO REDUCE ITS FORCES AND ARMAMENTS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL A BAN ON EMPLACING SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES THERE; THE CREATION OF A BUFFER ZONE PATROLLED BY U.N. TROOPS, AND A REPORTEDLY UNWRITTEN "UNDERSTANDING" THAT EGYPT WILL RE-

WHAT WAS NOT DISCLOSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS IS WHAT OBLIGATION THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE IN EVENT OF A BREAK OF THE AGREEMENT. ISRAEL PRESUMABLY RECEIVED SOME ASSURANCES, FOR FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN HAS JOINED IN HAILING WHAT HE CALLED A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH BY KISSINGER.

"IT WAS AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL AND BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT ACCEPTED IT," SAID EBAN LABELING THIS "AN EXEMPLARY EXERCISE IN INTERNATIONAL CONCILIATION" WITH "NO PRESSURE, NO ARM-TWISTING."

AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY, NEWSMEN ASKED SPOKESMAN JOHN F. KING HOW THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION RECONCILED THE SECRECY ON THE SECOND DOCUMENT WITH ATTACKS BY REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION UPON SECRET ACCORDS NEGOTIATED BY DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS RANGING FROM THE YALTA ACCORD AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II TO THE 1968 BOMBING HALT "UNDERSTANDINGS" IN THE VIETNAMESE WAR. THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO DEFER A REPLY PENDING THE RETURN OF KISSINGER.

THE CURRENT ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS BY KISSINGER SHOW THE REPETITION, AND FURTHER REFINEMENT, OF TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED BY KISSINGER IN NEGOTIATING THE VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE LAST JANUARY.

IN THE VIETNAM NEGOTIATIONS, AS IN THE PRESENT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI ACCORD, KISSINGER EMPLOYED THE DEVICE OF HAVING THE OPPOSING PARTIES SIGN SEPARATE PIECES OF PAPER, AS MRS. MEIR AND PRESIDENT SADAT NOW HAVE DONE, TO CIRCUMVENT THEIR MUTUAL, OFFICIAL NON-RECOGNITION OF EACH OTHER'S REGIME IN A DIPLOMATIC SENSE. THE USE OF "UNDERSTANDINGS" IS ALSO BORROWED FROM PAST DIPLOMATIC DEVICES, BUT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE "UNDERSTANDINGS" NOW IN TIGHTER, LARGELY WRITTEN AND SIGNED FORM.

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THEY WERE IN VIETNAM, AS THE WORLD ENERGY CRISIS ALONE ILLUSTRATES. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE UNITED STATES ALREADY MAY BE DRAWN INTO A DEEPER POST-HOSTILITIES COMMITMENT THERE THAN IN VIETNAM, TO TRY TO PREVENT THE REPETITION IN THE MIDDLE EAST OF THE CRUMBLING OF THE VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE. THIS IS A POINT WHICH IS ACUTELY ON THE MINDS OF ISRAELI STRATEGISTS IN PARTICULAR, IF NOT THE EGYPTIANS ALSO

OFFICIALS YESTERDAY DEFERRED RESPONSES TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS PENDING KISSINGER'S RETURN. (END TEXT) RUSH

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